FELICITATION MOTION.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon : Sir, I beg to move the following motion.

> "This Council, in heartily welcoming Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., LL. D., on his return to Travancore and resumption of the Dewanship of the State, wishes to record its grateful appreciation of his continued strenuous efforts for the good of the people of Travancore especially in tackling the present food problem of the State, and assures him of the fullest co-operation of the people in all his endeavours."

The people of Travancore have already welcomed you and this is only by way of a ratification of the same to be expressed by this House. On the first day of the last sitting on this House, on the eve of your departure to Delhi to take up the high office of the Executive Council membership, we offered you felicitations, with mingled sorrow and joy, joy on account of the pride we felt in that the services of our President were requisitioned by His Excellency the Viceroy for the benefit of India and sorrow, Sir, because we were separated from you. We also expressed our hope that your separation will be of a short duration. Not only that, Sir, we also prayed to God for your speedy return and God had heard our prayer and you have returned sooner than we expected.

Now, Sir, we welcome you with unmixed feelings of joy and happiness. I feel sometimes that there is the hand of Providence in connection with your coming over here. God knew beforehand that this country has to pass through a grave crisis and secured your services to steer the State through that period of danger. It follows therefore that God will never allow your separation for a long period from Travancore. The moment you returned here, you have continued your indefatigable efforts for the people of Travancore. I believe that even during the brief period of your stay at Delhi, you were thinking daily of Travancore and were doing all that is possible for the good of the country. It is but proper that this House should express on behalf of the people at large its grateful appreciations of your magnificent services for the country.

Sir, you wanted co-operation from us. We are giving you co-operation. We have been giving you entire co-operation. You referred to the orderly, rather contented, peaceful atmosphere prevailing in Travancore in the face of utmost difficulties. We say with pardonable humility that the representatives of the people are responsible to a certain extent for creating a quiet atmosphere in Travancore. We are, as far as possible, doing all that is possible by using our influence with the people to create a peaceful and orderly atmosphere for the successful working of the arrangements

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that you are making to meet this difficult situation. I do not say that we cannot do more. I think we can help the people and the Government in several ways; for instance, we can go to the people and induce them to grow more food, we can organise volunteers and other bodies to make an even distribution of the food that we get and, above all, we can try to keep up the morale of the people. And we find by contrast that the people of Travancore are rather more happy. We can also try by example and precept to cut down all sorts of unnecessary expenditure, cut down feasting and other things and try to economize as far as possible in the daily use of food. There is a propensity, especially on the part of the women-folk, to shine in ornaments and other extravagance.

President: So long as feeding of the poor is concerned it is a different matter.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: One of the famous poets of Kerala, Kunchan Nambiar has expressed this tendency in one of his Thullal Kathas. "അരിമണിയൊന്നു കൊറിച്ചാനില്ല; തരിവളയിട്ടു കിലുക്കാൻമോഹം".

President: It is rather a cheap method.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: I submit it is the duty of the representatives of the people at least during these extraordinary times to advise people to get rid of their desires and tendencies towards extravagance. Above all, I wish in this connection to stress clearly that the people of Travancore will lose one of their best chances in their lives, they will be losing one of the rare opportunities, if they do not utilise to the full the vast measure of experience you have gathered elsewhere, every particle of your rather superhuman qualities and your generous sympathy for the good of the people of the State. And Sir, you cannot find a better country than the country of Travancore so endowed by nature, better people than the people of Travancore and a greater ruler than the ruler of Travancore. I request you, Sir, on behalf of the millions of the State, so to carry on with the great mission you have voluntarily undertaken for the greater and greater glory of Travancore, to put Travancore on the map of the world in a conspicuous position so that when you have discharged the trust, you may say unlike Shakespeare Woolsey "I have served the country of Travancore, its people and Ruler with the utmost zeal I am capable of, and I have thereby served God with equal zeal." With these observations I commend the motion for the acceptance of the House.

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Mr. M. Govindan : I support the motion. In doing so, I wish to add one word. On behalf of the people of Travancore I heartily welcome you Sir and assure you the hearty support of the people in all your endeavours for the industrialisation of the country and solving effectively the food problem that is now confronting us.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : I have much pleasure to support the resolution tabled by Mr. Sankara Menon. We feel that we cannot sufficiently thank you for all that you have done for the people of Travancore. We are very fortunate in having you back especially during these critical times. You have been grappling with the food problem very successfully. In all your endeavours we wish you all success. We also thank you for giving us an opportunity to discuss the serious food problem.

Mr. C. N. Thuppan Namboodiri : മി. ശങ്കരമേനോൻ അവതരിപ്പിച്ച ഈ അനുമോദനപ്രമേയത്തെ അത്യധികം സന്തോഷത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറ്റസെസ്സനിൽ ഇതുപോലെയുള്ള ഒരു അനുമോദനപ്രമേയം കൗൺസിലിൽ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും അതു യഥാർത്ഥമായ ഒരു അനുശോചനപ്രമേയമായിരുന്നു. എങ്കിലും ദിവാൻജി അവർകളുടെ ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ സ്ഥാനത്തേക്കാൾ മഹത്തരമായ ഒരു സ്ഥാനത്തേക്കു അദ്ദേഹത്തെ ആരോഹണം ചെയ്യുന്ന ഒരു കൃത്യമായതുകൊണ്ടു അതു ഇവിടെ ഐകകണ്ഠ്യേന പാസാക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. എന്നാലും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ വേർപാടു് രാജ്യവാസികൾക്കു അകമാനം സങ്കടത്തെ ഉളവാക്കി. ആ അവസരത്തിൽ പലരും പറഞ്ഞു, ഈ സ്ഥാനത്തേക്കു വേറെ ആരെയെങ്കിലും നിയമിക്കപ്പെടുമെന്നു. എന്നാൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രത്യാഗമനംകൊണ്ടു് രാജ്യവാസികളുടെ മഹാഭാഗ്യം അവസാനിച്ചില്ലെന്നാണു എനിക്കു പറയുവാനുള്ളതു. ഈ ഉൽഘടഘട്ടത്തിൽ പ്രജകൾക്കു അദ്ദേഹം ചെയ്യാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന നന്മകൾ എല്ലാം വിജയപ്രദമാകുന്നതിനും അതു് ജനങ്ങൾക്കു ലഭിക്കുന്നതിനുമായി സാക്ഷാൽ ശ്രീപത്മനാഭൻ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ കടാക്ഷിക്കട്ടെയെന്നു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കയും ചെയ്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe : സർ സി. പി. രാമസ്വാമിഅയ്യർ അവർകളുടെ ഈ രണ്ടാമത്തെ വരവു തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ അനേകന്യൂനന്മാരുടെ ആഗ്രഹം സഫലമാക്കി. ഭാവിയിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു സകലവിധ ശുഭവും ആശംസിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു പ്രമേയത്തെ സന്തോഷത്തോടുകൂടി അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

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Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan : അങ്ങ് ഇൻഡ്യാ ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ കീഴിൽ ഉദ്യോഗം സ്വീകരിക്കുന്നതിനു പോയപ്പോൾ മുതൽ, വളരെ ആകാംക്ഷയോടുകൂടി അങ്ങയുടെ പ്രത്യാഗമനത്തെ കാത്തിരുന്ന കൗൺസിൽ മെമ്പറൻമാർ, അവരുടെ പ്രതീക്ഷപോലെ തന്നെ വീണ്ടും അങ്ങ് ഈ രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ ഐശ്വര്യത്തെ പാലിക്കുവാൻ ഭാഗധേയമുണ്ടായിക്കാണുന്നതിൽ സന്തോഷിക്കുന്നു. ഈ രാജ്യത്തിലുള്ള ന്യൂന ലക്ഷം പ്രജകളും അവർ ആഗ്രഹിച്ചിരുന്നതുപോലെ വീണ്ടും അങ്ങയുടെ സാന്നിദ്ധ്യം ഇവിടെ ഉണ്ടായതു കൊണ്ട് മഹാഭാഗ്യമായിക്കരുതുന്നു. അങ്ങേക്കു ജനസമുദായത്തിനുവേണ്ടി കഴിവുള്ള എല്ലാവിധ നന്മകളും ചെയ്യാൻ സംഗതിയാകട്ടെ എന്നു പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് പ്രമേയത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: In welcoming you as the Dewan of the State I have great pleasure to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the honourable members of this House. The people of Travancore, in every nook and corner of the State feel the administration under your able management. I assure you, Sir, that you will have the unstinted support of all the people of Travancore in your actions to do good to the people of the State.

President: Fellow members of the Legislature, I do not propose to answer in detail to the kind sentiments expressed. But let it be given to me to merit the confidence you have reposed in me.

MESSAGE FROM THE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

Secretary: Sir, I beg to report that the following message has been received from the Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly :—

"Under Rule 43 of the Legislative Rules I beg to inform you that the Sri Mulam Assembly has at its meeting held on the 25th January 1943 passed without any amendment the Travancore Poisons Bill which was passed by the Sri Chitra State Council at its meeting held on the 1st August 1942."

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

Secretary: Sir, I beg to report that the following Bills have received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja :—

(i) The Travancore Official Trustee Bill.
(ii) The Travancore Administrator General's Bill.
(iii) The Travancore Provident Funds Act (Amendment) Bill.

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